



Senator Doyle, Representative Baram, Members of the General Law Committee,

We represent the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA), which includes the majority of Connecticut licensed veterinarians as its members. We write in support of HB 5333, An Act Concerning the Return of Outdated Drugs from Pharmacies to Wholesalers, Manufacturers and Distributors. Veterinarians are unique amongst practitioners in that we often dispense the medications we prescribe. As such, we share many of the same concerns as pharmacies in regards to unwanted pharmaceutical waste. In addition to supporting this bill, we ask that it be amended to include persons licensed to practice veterinary medicine, surgery, or dentistry pursuant to section 20-199.

CVMA member veterinarians wish to be good stewards of the environment and minimize the unsafe disposal of pharmaceuticals. Including veterinarians in HB 5333 will facilitate the proper disposal of unwanted pharmaceuticals from veterinary facilities.

Thank you,

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